(c) According to the information given by the MAS, Shimla, the Institute will serve as a nodal centre for dialogue among civilizations, keeping in view the phenomenon of globalisation where differences as well as affinities between different nations and cultures have tojapen vistas of international movements of intellect and sensibility for a harmonious life on the globe.

(d) and (e) The Government of India had appointed Shri D. Bandyopadhyay, Executive Chairperson, Council for Social Development and former Secretary to the Government of India to review the work of MAS, Shimla, to hold enquiry into the affairs thereof and to report thereon. The Committee had submitted its report to the Government on 20.07.2005, which has been accepted by the Government. A copy of the report has also been sent to the Chairman, HAS, Shimla for placing it before the Governing Body of the HAS Society for taking appropriate view in the matter, and for implementation of the recommendations of the Review Committee.

Failure of National Literacy Mission

†2174. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that details of achievements of National Literacy Mission can be seen only on papers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that special literacy drive being run in 150 districts having minimum literacy rate in the country has become only a formality in the absence of proper monitoring;

(c) if not, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering to formulate a concrete scheme for overall development of the above 150 districts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) A statement showing the State-wise the number of districts covered under special literacy drive through Total Literacy Campaign/Post Literacy Programme/Project for Residual Illiteracy is enclosed: (See below). The programme is being monitored by the State Literacy Mission Authorities of the concerned States and also through the Monthly Monitoring Meetings with the implementing agencies.

(d) to (f) The special literacy drive is being taken up in these districts with focus on the minority groups, persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and other backward sections of the society by drawing up implementation strategies suited to the specific needs of the groups, sections of the society or region.

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SI. No.	State/District	No. of low literacy districts	No. of districts covered under special literacy drive through Total Literacy Campaign/Post Literacy Programme/ Projects for Residual Illiteracy
1	2	3	4
1	Arunachal Pradesh	7	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	8	8
3	Assam	3	—
4	Bihar	31	31
5	Chhattisgarh	4	2
6	Gujarat	2	—
7	Jammu *and* Kashmir	3	8
8	Jharkhand	13	12
9	Karnataka	4	2
10	Madhya Pradesh	9	9

1	2	3	4
11	Meghalaya	3	3
12	Nagaland	2	2
13	Orissa	10	8
14	Punjab	1	1
15	Rajasthan	11	10
16	Uttar Pradesh	30	27
17	West Bengal	4	4

Recognition to hotel management courses

2175. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to recognise courses offered by various hotel management institutes by the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there is no such proposal under consideration of the UGC.

Education zone in the country

2176. SHRI C PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it proposed to set up 'Education Zone' in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.